

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Forest Department – Disciplinary action against Sri P. Katanna, Deputy Range Officer (Retd.), formerly Pacherla Section of Chelama Range of Wildlife Division, Nandyal – Inquiry finalized and findings received - Show-cause Notice issued - Explanation received - Imposition of penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of two years besides recovery of Govt. loss of Rs.2,32,293/- - Final orders - Issued.

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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 18

Dated:18-02-2015

Read the following:

1. From the Prl.CCF Ref.No.51806/K5, dt.3.12.2009.
2. Govt. Memo.No.8703/For.IV/A2/2009-1, dt:11-08-2010.
3. Govt. Memo.No.8703/For.IV/A2/2009-2, dt:18-09-2011.
4. Govt. Memo.No.8703/For.IV/A2/2009-3, dt:16-03-2012.
5. From the Prl.CCF Ref.No.51806/2009/K5,dt:27-03-2012.
6. Govt.Memo.No.8703/for.IV/A2/2009-4, dt:07.05.2014.
7. From the Prl.CCF Ref.No.51806/2009/Vig-2, dt:01.11.2014.
8. Govt.Lr.No. 8703/For.IV/A2/2009, dt:19-12-2014.
9. From the Secretary(FAC), APPSC, A.P., Hyderabad,  
Lr.No.66/RT/1/2015, dt:31-01-2015.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1<sup>st</sup> read above, the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad has informed that an Article of Charge was issued by the Conservator of Forests, Kurnool against Sri P. Katanna, Deputy Range Officer, Pacherla Section of Chelama Range, Wildlife Division, Nandyal vide Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Rc. No. 3971/2006/M3, dt. 24.06.2006 on the following count:

“Misappropriation of Govt., funds of Rs.2,32,593/- in improper execution of work in Kotakonda Beat of Pacherla Section of Chelama Range under T.G.P. and RIDF-X-Bio diesel schemes during 2005-06.”

2. The Charged Officer has acknowledged the Article of Charge on 27.06.2006 and submitted his explanation on 20.07.2006. Not satisfied with the explanation of the Charged officer, the Conservator of Forests, Kurnool has appointed the Divisional Forest Officer, Wildlife, Nandyal as enquiry officer and the enquiry officer has conducted detailed inquiry and submitted his findings in which he held the charge proved against Sri P. Katanna, Deputy Range Officer that he is held responsible for misappropriation of Rs.2,32,593/-.

3. The Charged Officer, Sri P. Katanna, Deputy Range Officer has retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.6.2006. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9(2) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

4. Government, after careful examination of the matter with reference to the Inquiry Officer's report, remarks of the PCCF and material made available, have observed that the charge framed against the Charged Officer was held proved and provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of two years, besides recovery of Government loss of Rs.2,32,593/- on the charged officer Sri P. Katanna, Deputy Range Officer (Retd), under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

5. After careful examination of the matter Government have decided to confirm the provisional decision i.e., to impose the penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of (2) years, besides recovery of Govt. loss of Rs.2,32,593/- against Sri P. Katanna, Deputy Range Officer (Retd), Pacherla Section of Chelama Range, Wildlife Division, Nandyal, under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

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6. Accordingly, a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 6<sup>th</sup> read above. The Charged Officer submitted his explanation through the reference 7<sup>th</sup> read above and in which he has not put forth any new points except reiterating his earlier version. The concurrence of Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission has been obtained vide reference 9<sup>th</sup> read above.

7. Government after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of (2) years, besides recovery of Govt. loss of Rs.2,32,593/-against the Charged Officer Sri P. Katanna, Deputy Range Officer (Retd), Pacherla Section of Chelama Range, Wildlife Division, Nandyal, under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad is requested to take action accordingly.

(BY THE ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

AJEYA KALLAM  
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To  
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.  
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

Copy to:  
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.  
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.  
The Secretary(FAC), A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad(with ref. to  
Lr. No. 66/RT/1/2015, Dt:31.01.2015)  
Sf./Sc.

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER